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You're looking at a really happy mister. This is Corporal Baker, home on his first furlough in over a year. He's a smart, clean cut guy, and he's a good soldier. He's going to enjoy these days with his family. Right now, he has a good warm feeling walking down Main Street, exchanging nods and handshakes with the people who've known him since he was a kid.

DRUG STORE
CUT RATE
- DRUGS-

Baker would never get by without a visit of the old drug store, for a coke and a little chatter with anyone who might be around. Just like the days before he went in the army. Aaah, it's good to be home, sleeping late, no details, no formations, no marching, taking it easy. Money on the hip, faces that he knows.

Hmmm, what's this? One that he doesn't know. Now, this looks like a girl a man could go for. Not just for the fun, but for keeps. If only he could get to talk to her. Well, he could. It wasn't hard because she wanted a straw, and it happened they were right in front of him.

And that's the way it all started. It was a nice beginning, but it was only the beginning. She put the finishing touch to Baker's furlough and made it wonderful.

She was all a man dreams about: gentle and clean, she liked the simple things. Baker did too. She didn't drink, she didn't like juke joints, she lived in the next block. Her mother and father were good people, she talked soft and she seemed well-educated, like Baker. He enjoyed every moment they spent together. You can't blame Baker for enjoying those moments, especially since she loved him. She told him so.

Yeah... It was a wonderful furlough, and it was tough it ever had to end. But you know how the army is about those things. They were going to write to each other often though, and that would take some of the edge of being apart.

You sure were lucky, Corporal Baker. And all because a sweet girl came along and wanted a straw for her coke. Well, sit there, Corporal Baker, and have a good time while you can. Sit there and dream about the ten days you had in heaven. Because in a few hours, you're going to find out just what sort of a furlough you really had.

Yeah... Ten wonderful days in heaven.

“You've got gonorrhoea, Baker.

- Gonorrhoea? Why, I don't know how I...

- I do. You had a dirty woman.

- No, sir. A girl back home. She wasn't any prostitute.

- Have you known her long?

- I, I met her the day I got home sir.

- On the street or in a bar?

- I don't mess around with streetwalkers. I met her in a drugstore.

- Were she a pick-up?

- No, sir. I just met her, that's all.

- And you had her that night?

- No, sir... The next night.

- And you didn't use a rubber?

- She was afraid of them, sir.

- Or a Pro-kit?

- No, sir.

- And you didn't go to a pro station?

- She looked clean, sir, she looked clean all over.

- Not on the inside, corporal. Where you touched her she was filthy and diseased. That girl of yours was just a pick-up.”

Just what does it mean to have gonorrhoea? Well, take this man. He used to be a star athlete. He caught gonorrhoea and went to a drug store instead of a medical doctor. Don't you take chances on being crippled like this. And this is the kind of thing gonorrhoea means. Furthermore it doesn't feel any better than it looks.

Now, some dumb Joes think gonorrhoea's caused by a strain. Like lifting the rear end of a jeep, or getting tired on a long march, or knocking yourself out on KP, or sliding into second. But that's plain crazy. The only strain that gives you gonorrhoea is the strain of chasing after a woman.

Well, you know what Corporal Baker's doing here in the dispensary waiting for treatments, what's this other guy doing here?

He's Private Anderson, in the same outfit as Baker's. He's more of a playboy than Baker but he's not a bad soldier. He's just out for the laughs and the more often the better.

He looks pretty unhappy right now. But imagine it's a week earlier. He didn't look so unhappy then. He's just been paid and tonight he's gonna cut himself a slice of good time.

Anderson's idea of a good time is drinking and girls. He's had month of marching and KP and this is his night to howl.

U.S. ARMY
PROPHYLACTIC
STATION

Well, the prophylactic station's handy; he'll be coming back here for a pro after he's had his fun.

Sure... Anderson will be stopping in at the pro station. Or anyway, that's what he thinks now while he's sober and can still think, which isn't for long in joints like this one. See how it's set up. Girls, a jukebox and a bar, especially the bar with lots of liquor to lift you until you're way up in the clouds.

Anderson was definitely out for a good time. But he didn't think he'd run an ending this good. She certainly was good looking. Hmm... Damn sight better looking than anything he expected to find in a place like this.

Sure... He knew she was a whore. So what? Whores are supposed to keep clean, aren't they? Don't lots of places even have laws to make them keep clean?

Now, that's what Anderson calls having a good time. And when it was over, it was time to take a pro because it's no good unless you take it right away. Well, Anderson didn't exactly feel like leaving. Not when he could lie around, have a smoke and then maybe for another two bucks... Well, he was out for a good time, wasn't he? And that's just what he was gonna get. And maybe a little more he wasn't out for.

“What made you think she might be clean, Anderson? She was a prostitute.

- That's it, sir. I figured if being a prostitute was her job she'd have to keep clean.

- Well, maybe she'd like to, but she can't if she takes on men one after another, any man with a couple of dollars.

- But she had a card. It said she was in good health.

- Eh, probably a week old. But even if it had been only an hour old it still wouldn't mean a thing. She could've had a man with VD five minutes before she had you and pass his germs onto you.

- Yes, sir.

- You know you might have stayed well if you'd gone to a pro station.

- I will, next time, sir.

- There won't be any next time for quite a while, Anderson. You've got syphilis.

Sweat it out, Anderson. But if it's any comfort to you, you're lucky. Some men aren't smart enough to go to a doctor when they get a case. This man for example. He was a hero in the last war. But the wounds that have kept him in and out of the hospital ever since 1918 weren't from combat. He caught syphilis from a whore overseas, and never went on sick call.

This man looks as healthy as anybody. But the little syphilis germs have been making his blood bad and boring into his heart for a long time. And one day, the heart just quits.

Yes... He looked healthy. But that's because syphilis doesn't do much advertising.

Take a look at this one. He's really blown his top. When he talks, he doesn't make much sense. And sometimes, he runs wild and has to be held in bed with straps, so he won't hurt anyone. The syphilis germs got into his brain.

"Is your memory alright?"

- Sure, I remember anything that ever happened.

- Let me test your memory by giving you three words to remember. Now, the words are *pink*, *Broadway*, and *forty-six*.

- *Pink, Broadway, forty-six.*

- I'll ask you what they were in a moment. Is your speech alright? Any... Do you stumble over big words?

- Uh?

- Say after me: *third, riding, auxiliary, brigade*

- *T'ird, ridin', auxil'ary, brigrade*

- Say it again.

- *T'ird, ridin', auxil'ary, brigrade, t'ird, ridin', auxil'ary, brigrade!*

- That's enough. Now, what are the three words that I asked you to remember?

- I don't know. *Pink...* I can't remember!

This poor fellow's in mighty bad shape. And all because of...

VD

VENEREAL DISEASE

There are several venereal diseases but the most common two are syphilis,

SYPHILIS

and gonorrhoea.

GONORRHEA

Some people call syphilis bad blood, pox, lues, a case, the dogs and so on.

BAD BLOOD

POX

LUES

A CASE

DOGS

Some people call gonorrhoea the clap, a strain, the running range, a dose.

CLAP

STRAIN

RUNNING RANGE

A DOSE

They all mean venereal disease, VD.

VENEREAL DISEASE

It's a bad deal, and it's catchy. And you catch it only one way: from a woman. Doesn't matter if she's a high school girl or a juke joint girl. Inside there, there may be sores, full of prowling little germs. Like this wriggling syphilis germ. They stick to your skin like molasses. You get these germs and the gonorrhea germs only from a woman. But you don't get them if you use a condom, or rubber, and if you put it on before you even touch a girl.

Remember, if she tells you she doesn't want to use a rubber, she's up to no good. If she's afraid it might come off and get inside her some place or that she'll need an operation to get it out, she's just crazy. Even if you tried, you couldn't force it inside any place where it could do harm. So don't let any woman talk you out of using one.

The next best thing is to take a pro at the pro station. But take it as soon as possible after you've had your piece. The way they do it now, it doesn't hurt and it doesn't take more than a few minutes. It's a fine way not to catch a VD.

There's been talk by some stupid guys that a pro destroys your manhood and if you have too many of them you won't be able to have sex anymore. Well, anybody who thinks that is just ignorant. A pro doesn't hurt anything except germs.

Another good way not to get VD is to use the army's new Pro-kit. It was thought up just for men in the army, and it works. It consists of a tube of ointment, a soap cloth, a piece of tissue, and some instructions. And here's all you have to do: right after you've had sex, take a leak, and wash yourself with the soap cloth. Then take the top off the tube and squeeze one fourth of it inside. It doesn't hurt and it doesn't sting, you can't even feel it. Squeeze the rest of the tube under your fingers and rub it all over. It kills syphilis and gonorrhea before they can get started doing their damage.

Now, those are the ways of keeping clean. A condom or rubber, a pro station and a Pro-kit. But the simplest and best way of all is to stay away from women. Your army doctors know VD. So do your officers and non-coms. Listen to them when they teach you about syphilis and gonorrhea. They're trying to help you. They want us to become the healthiest people in the world. Don't be afraid to go on sick call as soon as you think you've caught VD. Don't be afraid and don't be ashamed. You won't be punished. No gigs, no loss of pay, no loss of rank. All the army wants to do is cure you and send you back to civilian life healthier than you've ever been. You must keep yourself clean.

Keeping clean means keeping healthy. And it was good health that beat the Germans before the war even started. This is Joe Louis taking a few pokes at Hitler's boy, Max Schmeling. All of Joe's training was to get him in proper condition, proper health. This massacre you're looking at couldn't have taken place if Joe hadn't kept himself clean.

Remember the last Olympic Games in Berlin back in '36? A lot of our boys invaded Germany long before the first American soldier went down to the Induction Center. And they all knew the value of good health and of staying clean.

*There was Owens in the dashes and broad jump.
And Johnson in the high jump.*

And Woodruff and Edwards in the 800 meters.

And Ralph Metcalfe was one of the men who helped pile up our big score. Here he is now, in a little bit of a hurry. Metcalfe sent the Stars and Stripes up above the Swastika and Rising Sun so often that Hitler and Hirohito should have taken the hint right there and quit. And here's lieutenant Ralph Metcalfe himself:

“Winning the race against tough competition means more than just being fast on your feet. It's training off of the field as well as on that gives you that extra speed when you need it most. I figured that life's that way too. The drive that helps you to break the record comes from being in shape. Perfect shape. I don't say that I've won races just because I didn't fool around with women, but it certainly helped. Remember, military fitness not only includes technical and mental fitness but physical fitness as well. And that means not taking chances with women. That'll be good for you and for all of us.”

But maybe you don't want to stay healthy and keep yourself clean. Maybe you want to hop in bed with one girl after another. Well, maybe you'd like to hop into the same boat with these men. This man thought he was killing the VD germs by rubbing whisky on his rod after he had a pick up. Whisky doesn't kill anything, except the brain. This man didn't use a rubber because he'd been told it didn't feel so good with a rubber. Well, what he's got now really doesn't feel good.

And this man. He had to pay a terrible price for catching syphilis. He married the girl he loved and passed the germs onto her. Pretty soon, she had a baby. It had syphilis too. It would have been better dead.

This is Paul Robeson who enjoys the respect and recognition of the entire world. From his college days when he was on All-American end, through his great career as singer, actor and world traveler. Mister Robeson has done as much good for all people as any man alive. Listen to him.

“What you've been seeing here makes a lot of sense. Twenty years ago, we didn't have pictures like this. For hours we had to sit and listen to the coach lecture. He gave it to us hot and heavy and we took it. Because if you want to play football you've got to have a healthy body. In fact if you want to do anything in this world you've got to have a healthy body. Now, this film is pretty frightening. Yet it's not as frightening as the records the war department has shown me on VD. I tell you we've got to do something about this. And we have the answer. You've seen it right here in this picture. None of us will forget what we've learnt from this movie, but more important, let's not forget our responsibility to our communities, our families and ourselves. We must defeat VD.

THE END

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